

BISON

Bison season frameworks would be changed to the following:

HD 395 (west side) – see new boundary description

Hunt period 1 = Nov 15-Jan 15, 20 licenses

Hunt period 2 = Jan 16-Feb 15, 20 licenses

(quota range on each = 10-100)

HD 385 (north side) – no boundary change

Hunt period 1 = Nov 15-Jan 15, 20 licenses

Hunt period 2 = Jan 16-Feb 15, 20 licenses

(range on each = 10-100)

The 395 boundary would be expanded to the following. This change is contingent on the outcome of the current MEPA process to expand the tolerance area (boundaries would remain as they were in 2013 if there is no expansion to tolerance area).

Those portions of Madison and Gallatin Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning where the western boundary of Yellowstone National Park intersects the Montana-Idaho border, then northerly along the Yellowstone National Park Boundary to the Gallatin-Yellowstone Rivers divide, then northerly along said divide to Eaglehead Mountain, then in a westerly and northerly direction along the Portal Creek-Porcupine Creek divide and along the Porcupine Creek-Levinski Creek Divide to the Gallatin River, then southerly up the Gallatin River to its confluence with Buck Creek, then westerly along Buck Creek to the Gallatin-Madison Divide, then southerly along the Gallatin-Madison divide to the west boundary of the Cabin Creek Recreation and Wildlife Management Area, then southerly and easterly along said boundary to the Beaver Creek-Cabin Creek Divide, then southerly along said boundary to its junction with the Madison River, then south along the north boundary of the Madison River to Hebgen Dam, then along the Earthquake Lake/Lower Madison-Hebgen Lake watershed divide to the Montana-Idaho border, then south and east along this border to the point of beginning.

Additional authorization for FWP to identify and apply bison hunters in management efforts that may be conducive to hunting and are outside and/or in addition to the described hunting season and open areas (addition to initial adoption).